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PREFACE

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DEFINITIONS

Covered Employer (by Unemployment Insurance Laws)

To be a covered employer, an employer must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- have an annual payroll which exceeds $1,000 in a calendar year
- acquire all or a substantial portion of a covered business or
- be subject to FUTA

If the employer is an agricultural entity, the employer must pay total cash wages of $20,000 or more in a calendar quarter or employ 10 or more workers in 20 different weeks in a calendar year to be covered.

A domestic employer who pays total cash wages of $1,000 or more in a calendar quarter is a covered employer.

In addition, if the agricultural or domestic employer has another business which is covered, its agricultural or domestic employees must also be reported, regardless of the amount of wages paid or number of employees.

Covered Employment

Covered employment includes all services performed for wages or under contract, unless specifically excluded by law. Some common exclusions from covered employment are:

- individuals in the employ of son, daughter or spouse
- children under 21 employed by parent (or partnership of parents)
- real estate, insurance and securities salespeople paid solely by commission and without guaranteed earnings
- fulltime students working in a program taken for credit
- inmates working for a state correction or custodial institution
- elected public officials
- railroad employees
- church employees
- children under 18 delivering and distributing newspapers or shopping news from house to house and business establishments
- physically or mentally impaired individuals working in a rehabilitation facility

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)

Each business is assigned a SIC code that describes the business based upon its nature-of-business in accordance with the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1972 and 1987 editions.

Employment

Annual average employment is the average number of monthly workers covered under the Montana unemployment insurance laws who earned wages from a reporting unit during the pay period that includes the 12th day of the month.

Disclosure Restrictions

Publication of employment and wage data is withheld for any industry level which consists of fewer than three reporting units or in which a single establishment accounts for 80 percent or more of the industry's employment.

Civilian Labor Force

The number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the armed forces.

Employed

Those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work. This includes persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation or labor dispute, whether or not they were in pay status during their time off.

Unemployed

Those persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, but were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

Real Wages

Current year wages which have been adjusted for inflation to a base year standard (1982 for this publication) to be used for accurate comparison between years. The GNP implicit price deflator was the index used for adjustment.

LIBERTY COUNTY OVERVIEW

TRENDS OF AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT AND REAL WAGES**(1976-1988)

LIBERTY COUNTY

ALL INDUSTRIES

Average annual employment in Liberty County was stable from 1976 through 1981, averaging 1,086 employees. The employment level declined slowly for two years (losing 91 employees) and dropped sharply in 1984, when average annual employment was 865. The decline was noticeable in Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade, and Manufacturing; but a good portion was based in Non-covered employment. From 1984-1986, county employment remained low, averaging 852 employees. Slight gains in the Services industry, Manufacturing, and Non-covered employment yielded an annual average of 918 employees in 1988. From 1976-1984 average annual real wages (adjusted for inflation and based on the 1982 dollar value) in Liberty County remained at about $12,000. From 1985-1988, real wages in the industry averaged $11,458 per year.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHING

The employment in this industry rose from 5 in 1976 to 27 in 1971, but by 1981-1982 had fallen back to 13 employees. Employment in Production Crops increased and in 1983 the industry employed 27. In 1984, the industry peaked with 32 employees and for the remainder of the review period averaged 27 employees. Most of the industry employment is in Production Crops, but Livestock and Agri-

Agriculture, Forestry, And Fishing (continued)

Services have also contributed to county employment. The industry employed 26 (ranked 6th among the county's 12 industry groups in annual average employment) in 1988 and had annual average wages of $14,221 (also ranked 6th). Real wages in the industry were exceptionally high in 1979 and 1980 (around $35,000) but have generally declined from $20,680 in 1976 to $11,684 in 1988.

MINING

Liberty County has had no activity in the Mining industry from 1981 through 1988. In 1980, there was some activity in Oil & Gas Production/Exploration.

CONSTRUCTION

Employment in the Construction industry at the beginning of the review period (1976-1977) was 31 employees from eight establishments. Most of the employment was within General Building Construction and Special Trades. Although the industry made employment gains in 1980 and 1983-1984, Construction employment in the county has declined overall. In 1988, the industry had 10 employees (ranked 8th) and 5 establishments, with the majority of the employment in the Special Trades. Real wages in the industry have dropped from $13,425 (1976) to about $11,000 (average of 1986-1988). Real wages for the industry (adjusted for inflation) in 1988 were $11,432 and annual average wages (unadjusted) were $13,914 (ranked 7th among the county industries).

MANUFACTURING

From 1976 through 1980, the Manufacturing industry in Liberty County increased employment (from 14 employees to 42 employees). However; from 1981 to 1982 the industry dropped from 36 to 6 employees with the loss of an establishment in Durable Goods. From 1982 through 1987 Manufacturing employment in the county has average 6 employees. In 1988, there were 9 employees in Manufacturing (ranked 9th in annual average employment) and annual average wages were $6,375 (ranked 11th). Real wages in Manufacturing peaked over $13,000 in 1979 and maintained a median of $12,065 from 1976-1981. From 1982 through 1988 the median real wage in Manufacturing was $5,390; $5,239 in 1988.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, & PUBLIC UTILITIES*

Activity in this industry, in Liberty County, began in 1983 with the employment of 20 people. The industry averaged 17 employees through 1986 but in the last two years dropped to 11 and 9 employees, respectively. The industry ranked 9th, tied with Manufacturing, in annual average employment and 1st or highest in annual average wages ($32,337). Real wages in *TCPU have kept a median of $23,172 and were $26,569 in 1988.

WHOLESALE TRADE

This industry, in Liberty County, had a median employment level of 56 from 1976 through 1982. Wholesale employment declined from 1983 through 1986 (28 employees) as Manufacturing and Construction declined. In 1987 and 1988, employment increased to 40 and 41 and the industry ranked 3rd in annual average employment and 4th in annual average wages ($16,482). Real wages held at about $15,650 through 1979, increasing to $19,738 in 1982 and averaging $18,193 from 1980-1984. From 1985 through 1988 real wages dropped to an average of $14,408 and in 1988 were at a low of $13,542.

RETAIL TRADE

Retail Trade industry employment in the county has declined over the period of the review. In 1976, there were 94 employees in this industry in Liberty County. By 1988, employment in Retail had fallen to 67 employees. For the review period the median employment level in the industry was 82, and the employment level has been below that figure since 1983. The Retail industry ranked 2nd in annual average employment in the county and 9th in annual average wages (unadjusted) with $9,600. Real wages (adjusted for inflation) have remained very stable for the period of the review. The median annual average real wage for the industry (1976-1988) was $8,022 and in 1988 real annual average wages were $7,888.

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE*

*FIRE averaged 9 employees in Liberty County through 1981. Employment in the industry increased, averaging 14 employees from 1982-1985, with a net gain of two establishments. From 1986-1988, the industry averaged 11 employees and in 1988 ranked 7th among the county's industries in annual average employment. Annual average wages (unadjusted), in 1988, in this industry were $15,429 (ranked 5th). Real wages in FIRE increased from 1976 through 1979, peaking at $19,033. From 1980 though 1984 real wages declined to $12,980 per year, and from 1985 through 1988 real wages averaged $13,706 per year. In 1988, real wages in Fire were $12,677, the lowest of the review period.

SERVICES

From 1977 to 1981, the Services industry doubled its employment and gained 30 employees and 3 establishments (as Manufacturing grew in 1980 and 1981, and Mining activity developed in 1980). As Mining fell sharply in 1981, followed by Manufacturing in 1982, the Services industry dropped to 28 employees (the lowest of the review period). From 1983 through 1987, the industry remained stable, averaging 32 employees in the county. In 1988, employment in Services increased to 40 (ranked 4th in annual average employment) as Manufacturing and Wholesale showed slight improvement. Annual average wages in the industry were $8,695 (unadjusted) while annual average real wages were $7,145. Real wages have declined from $8,255 in 1976, but during peak employment in 1981 real wages climbed to an annual average of $11,322. From 1982 through 1988 the median real wage in Services was $7,399 per year.

GOVERNMENT

In 1976, combined Government employment was 206; from 1977-1983 it averaged 236 employees as Local and Federal employment increased; and from 1984-1988, combined Government employed 255 per year as Local and Federal continued to increase. In 1988, Government employed 266 in Liberty County with: Local Government at 227 employees (ranked 1st in annual average employment) and had annual average wages of $13,503 (ranked 8th); Federal Government employment was 34 (ranked 5th) and Federal annual average wages were $20,416 (ranked 3rd); State Government had 4 employees (ranked 11th) and annual average wages of $24,300 (ranked 2nd).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE

The unemployment rate in Liberty County held consistently below the Montana rate during the entire review period. In 1978, the county unemployment rate was only 0.5% lower, but on average the county stayed nearly 3.0% below the state unemployment rate. In 1988, the unemployment rate in Liberty County was 3.7%. The chart on labor force in the county closely follows the annual average covered employment reported in the county, and decreased from 1984-1986 with employment losses in Wholesale Trade and continued low employment levels in Manufacturing. In 1986 the county's civilian labor force was 890. The labor force grew to 936 in 1987 and 953 in 1988 as Wholesale Trade, Manufacturing, and Services registered employment gains.

NEW BUSINESSES

Covered By Unemployment Insurance

There were only 2 new business starts in Liberty County for 1986, but 1987 and 1988 had 5 new business starts each. Of the 12 business starts; 5 were in Trade, 3 were in Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing and 2 were in Manufacturing. June was the month chosen for most new business starts (3), but the majority of the new businesses in the county began from September through December (7).

POPULATION

In the decennial censuses, from 1930 to 1980, the median population of Liberty County has been 2,317. Estimated 1988 population for the county is right at that median level. In 1930, the county population was 2,198 which comprised 0.4% of the Montana population. By 1980, Montana had added 249,084 residents of which Liberty County had gained only 131, and the county population dropped to 0.3% of the statewide population.

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LIBERTY COUNTY LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

1988	953
1987	936
1986	890

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

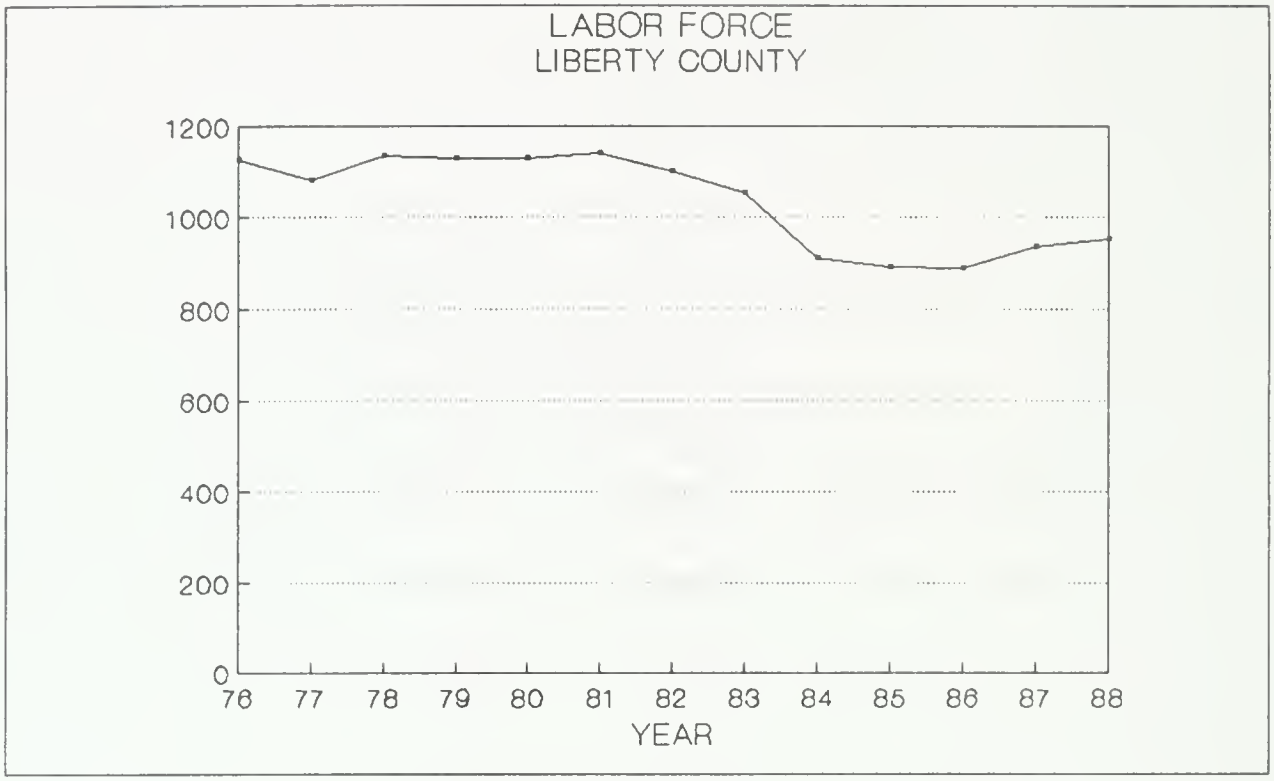
1988	3.7%
1987	4.3%
1986	4.5%

EMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	918
1987	896
1986	850

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

1988	35
1987	40
1986	40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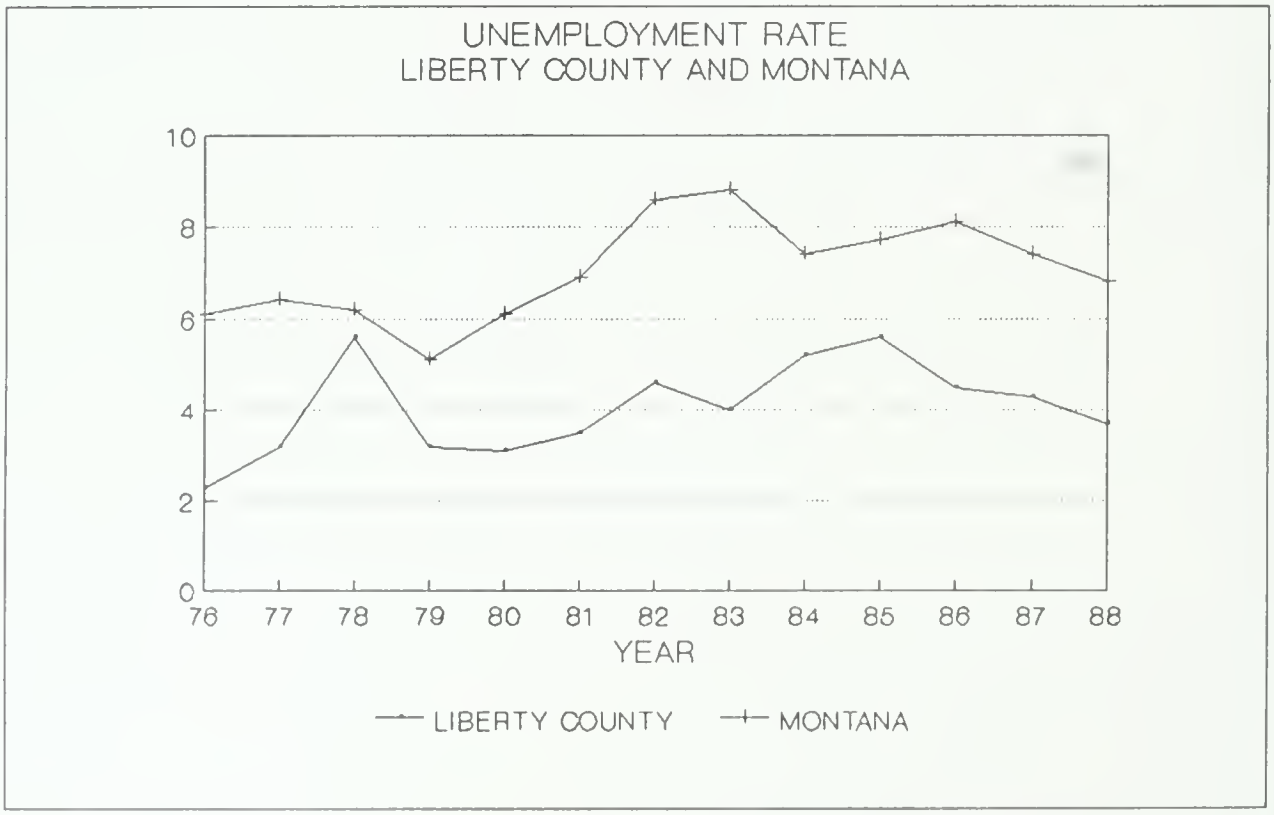
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Total Payments

1988	$ 29,027
1987	$ 45,609
1986	$ 41,469

Number of Payments

1988	252
1987	390
1986	334

Average Weekly Payment

1988	$115.10
1987	$116.90
1986	$124.10

The number of unemployed in Liberty County dropped by 5 (to 35) in 1988 and the number of Unemployment Insurance payments decreased from 390 (1987) to 252. The total amount of payments dropped by 36%, or $16,582, in 1988 and total payments in the county were $29,027. The average weekly benefit amount decreased by $1.80 to $115.10.

P R O F I L E

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I N D U S T R I E S

(FROM BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS)

LIBERTY COUNTY BUSINESSES

Covered By Unemployment Insurance

7	Agricultural Establishments, including: 3 Production Crop Establishments 3 Agricultural Services Establishments
5	Construction Firms, including: 3 Special Trades Contractors
5	Wholesale Trade Establishments 3 Durable Goods Wholesalers
16	Retail Establishments, including: 4 Food Stores 3 Auto Dealerships/Service 4 Eating & Drinking Establishments
12	Services Establishments, including: Health, Legal, Engineering, Lodging, and Auto Repair Services.
4	Schools/School Districts
25	Other Establishments
74	Total Establishments

LIBERTY
NEW BUSINESSES

(INCLUDES NEW & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)

BY INDUSTRY

	1986	1987	1988
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES	1	0	2
MINING	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0
MANUFACTURING	0	0	2
TCPU*	0	0	0
TRADE	1	3	1
FIRE**	0	0	0
SERVICES	0	1	0
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	0	1	0
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	5	5

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES
**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

BY MONTH

	1986	1987	1988
JANUARY	0	1	0
FEBRUARY	0	0	0
MARCH	0	0	0
APRIL	0	0	0
MAY	0	1	0
JUNE	1	2	0
JULY	0	0	0
AUGUST	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	2
OCTOBER	1	0	1
NOVEMBER	0	0	1
DECEMBER	0	1	1
TOTAL	2	5	5

LIBERTY
INDUSTRY RANKINGS
FOR THE YEAR 1988

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT

1.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	227
2.	RETAIL TRADE	67
3.	WHOLESALE TRADE	41
4.	SERVICES	40
5.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	34
6.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	26
7.	F.I.R.E.**	11
8.	CONSTRUCTION	10
9.	MANUFACTURING	9
10.	T.C.P.U.*	9
11.	STATE GOVERNMENT	4
12.	MINING	1

INDUSTRY GROUPS RANKED BY AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

1.	T.C.P.U.*	$32,337
2.	STATE GOVERNMENT	24,300
3.	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	20,416
4.	WHOLESALE TRADE	16,482
5.	F.I.R.E.**	15,429
6.	AG. SERV., FOR., FISH.	14,221
7.	CONSTRUCTION	13,913
8.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	13,503
9.	RETAIL TRADE	9,600
10.	SERVICES	8,695
11.	MANUFACTURING	6,375
12.	MINING	0

*TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

**FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA BY
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR 1988

LIBERTY 051	SIC CODE	ESTAB-LISH-MENTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT	ANNUAL WAGES PAID	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	AVERAGE UI TAX RATE
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES		74	482	6,550,621	13,591	.89
PRIVATE (OWNERSHIP 5)		53	215	2,693,921	12,530	1.89
AGRI,FOR,FISH		7	26	369,752	14,221	1.88
AGRI PROD CROP	01	3	12	221,223	18,435	1.59
AGRI PRO LIVESTK	02 D					
AGRI SERVICES	07	3	6	84,920	14,153	3.11
MINING	D					
CONSTRUCTION		5	10	139,139	13,914	2.26
GENERAL BUILDING	15 D					
SPECIAL TRADE	17	3	8	124,883	15,610	1.89
MANUFACTURING	D					
LUMBER	24 D					
CHEMICALS	28 D					
FABRICATED METAL	34 D					
MISC MFG	39 D					
TRANS. COMM. & PU	D					
ELECT-GAS-SAN-SER	49 D					
WHOLESALE TRADE		5	41	675,778	16,482	2.33
DURABLE GOODS	50	3	31	520,779	16,799	2.10
NONDURABLE	51 D					
RETAIL TRADE		16	67	643,271	9,601	1.77
BLDG MAT-GARDEN	52 D					
FOOD STORES	54	4	26	235,876	9,072	1.75
AUTO DIRS-SVC ST	55	3	9	166,694	18,521	1.94
APPAREL & ACCESS	56 D					
EATING & DRINKING	58	3	17	101,379	5,963	2.38
MISC RETAIL	59 D					
FIN.,INS.,R.E		3	11	169,733	15,430	1.18
BANKING	60 D					
INS AGENTS-BRKS	64 D					
REAL ESTATE	65 D					
SERVICES		12	40	347,821	8,696	1.50
HOTELS & LODGING	70 D					
BUSINESS SERVICE	73 D					
AUTO-REPAIR SERVICE	75 D					
HEALTH SERVICES	80 D					
LEGAL SERVICES	81 D					
EDUCATIONAL SERV	82 D					
MUSEUMS, ZOOS ETC	84 D					
MEMBERSHIP ORG	86 D					
ENGINEERING SERVICES	87 D					

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA BY
STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION FOR 1988

LIBERTY 051	SIC CODE	ESTAB-LISH-MENTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT	ANNUAL WAGES PAID	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	AVERAGE UI TAX RATE
GOVERNMENT		21	266	3,856,699	14,499	.27
STATE		2	4	97,203	24,300	.29
LOCAL		8	227	3,065,311	13,503	.27
FEDERAL		11	34	694,185	20,417	.00

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1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

LIBERTY COUNTY

INDUSTRY	SIC	UNADJUSTED TOTAL	UNADJUSTED AVERAGE	REAL TOTAL	REAL AVERAGE
TOTAL		6,550,621	13,591	5,381,990	11,166
PRIVATE		2,693,921	12,530	2,213,325	10,295
AG FOR FIS		369,752	14,221	303,788	11,684
AG PROD CROP	01	221,223	18,435	181,757	15,146
AG PRO LIVESTK	02	D			
AG SERV	07	84,920	14,153	69,770	11,628
MINING		D			
CONSTRUCTION		139,139	13,914	114,317	11,432
GEN BUILDING	15	D			
SPEC TRADE	17	124,883	15,610	102,604	12,825
MANUFACTURING		D			
LUMBER	24	D			
CHEMICALS	28	D			
FABRICATD METAL	34	D			
MISC MFG	39	D			
TRANS COMM & PU		D			
ELECT-GAS-SAN-S	49	D			
WHOLESALE TRADE		675,778	16,482	555,219	13,542
DURABLE GOODS	50	520,779	16,799	427,872	13,802
NONDURABLE	51	D			
RETAIL TRADE		643,271	9,601	528,511	7,888
BLDG MAT-GARDEN	52	D			
FOOD STORES	54	235,876	9,072	193,796	7,454
AUTO DIRS-SVC S	55	166,694	18,521	136,956	15,217
APPAREL & ACCES	56	D			
EATING & DRINKI	58	101,379	5,963	83,293	4,899
MISC RETAIL	59	D			
FIN INS, R.E.		169,733	15,430	139,453	12,677
BANKING	60	D			
INS AGENTS-BRKS	64	D			
REAL ESTATE	65	D			

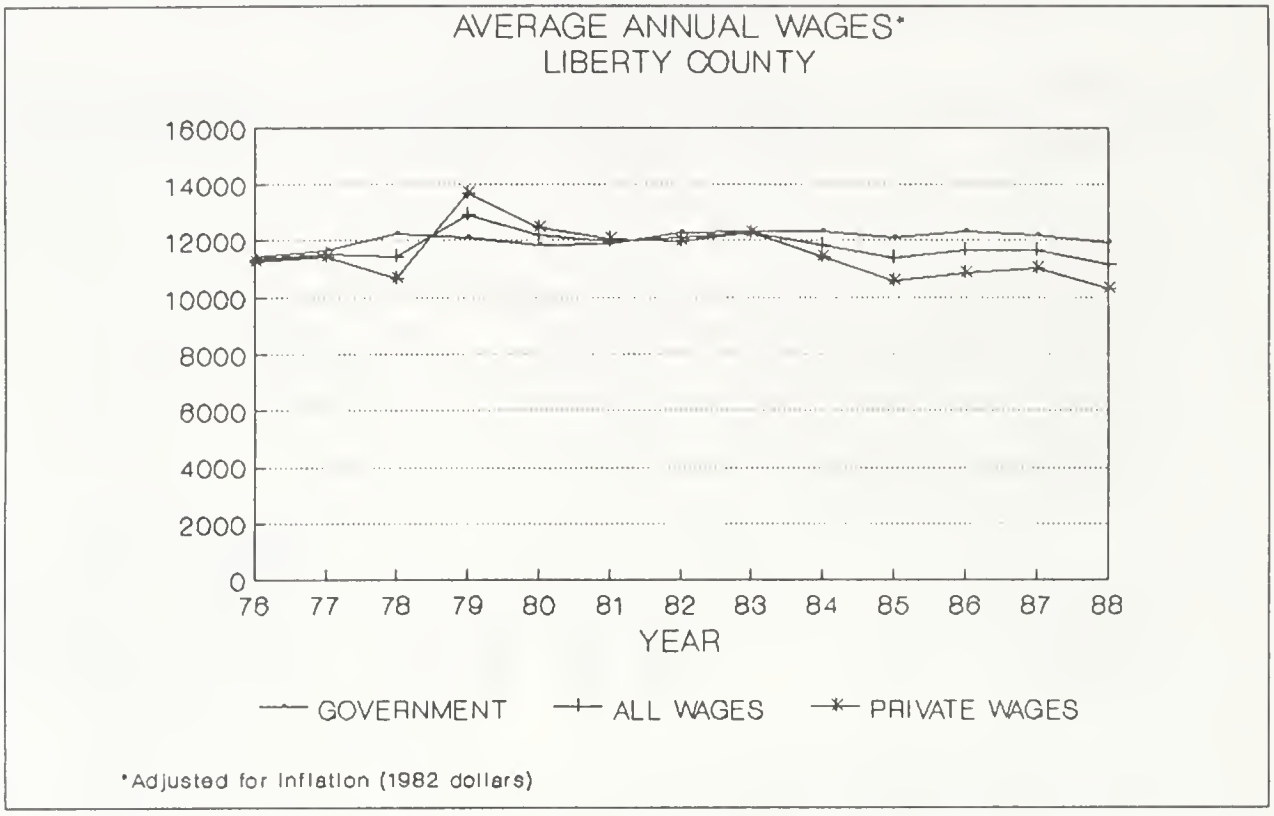
1988 UNADJUSTED AND REAL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES**

LIBERTY COUNTY

INDUSTRY	SIC	UNADJUSTED TOTAL	UNADJUSTED AVERAGE	REAL TOTAL	REAL AVERAGE
SERVICES		347,821	8,696	285,770	7,145
HOTELS & LODGIN	70	D			
BUSINESS SERV	73	D			
AUTO REPAIR	75	D			
HEALTH SERVICES	80	D			
LEGAL SERVICES	81	D			
EDUCATIONAL SER	82	D			
MUSEUMS & ZOOS	84	D			
MEMBERSHIP ORGS	86	D			
ENGINEERING SER	87	D			
GOVERNMENT		3,856,699	14,499	3,168,664	11,912
STATE		97,203	24,300	79,862	19,965
LOCAL		3,065,311	13,503	2,518,460	11,094
FEDERAL		694,185	20,417	570,342	16,775

D = Disclosure suppression

**Real wages are raw wages that have been adjusted for inflation (1982 dollars)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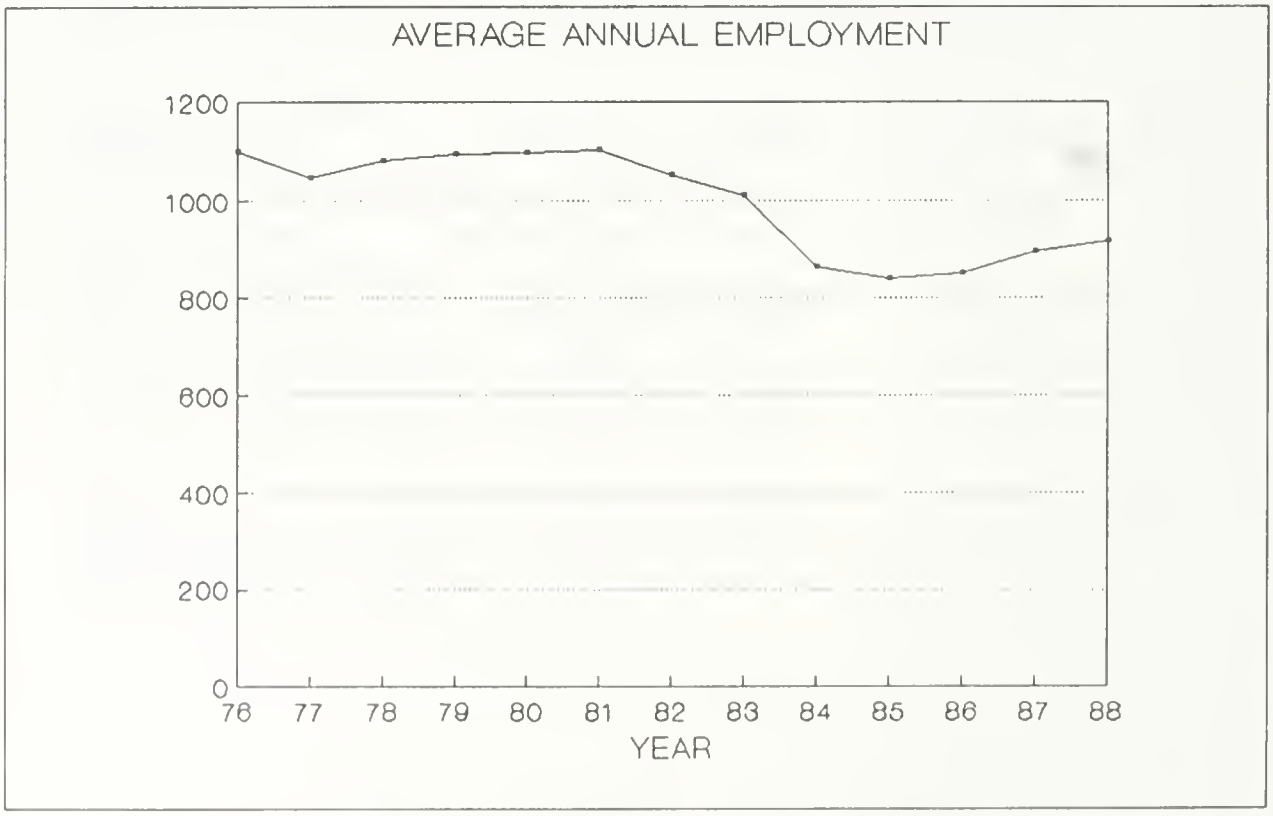
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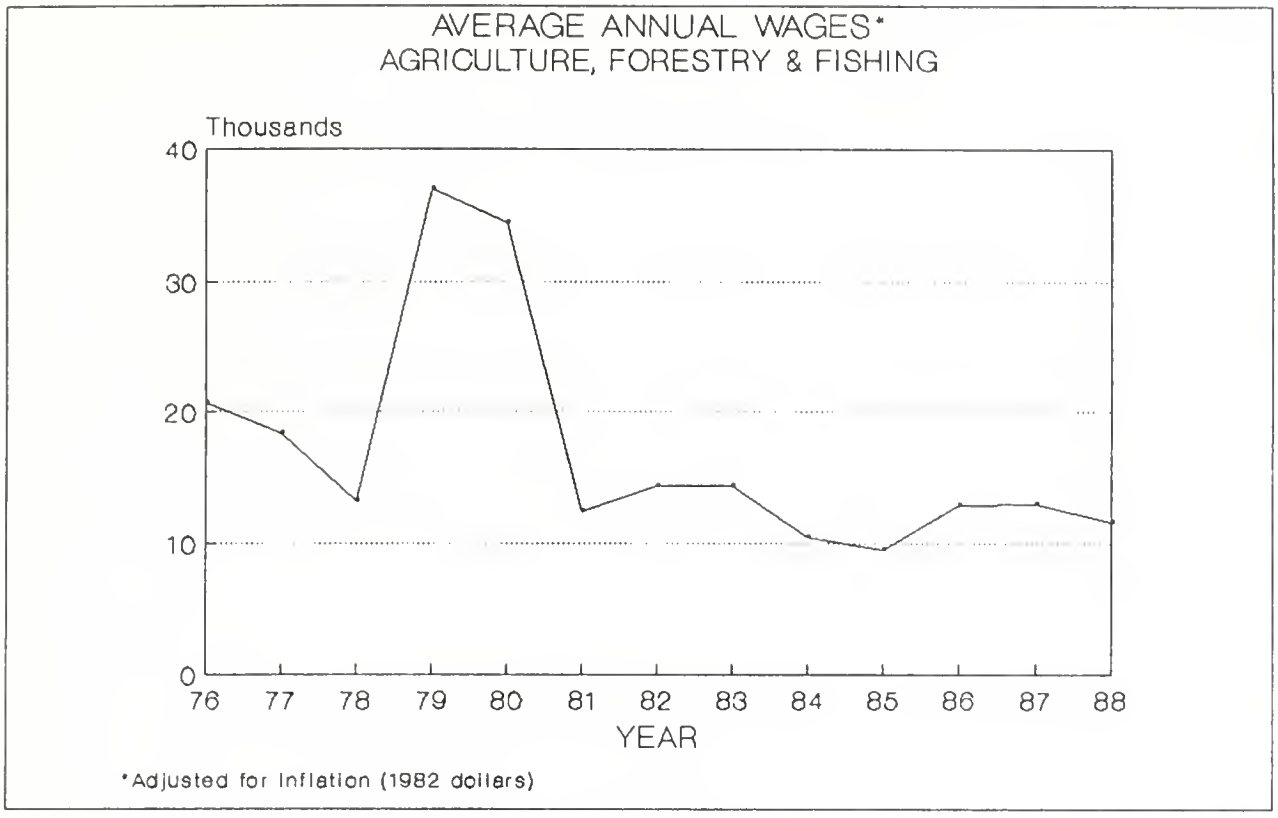
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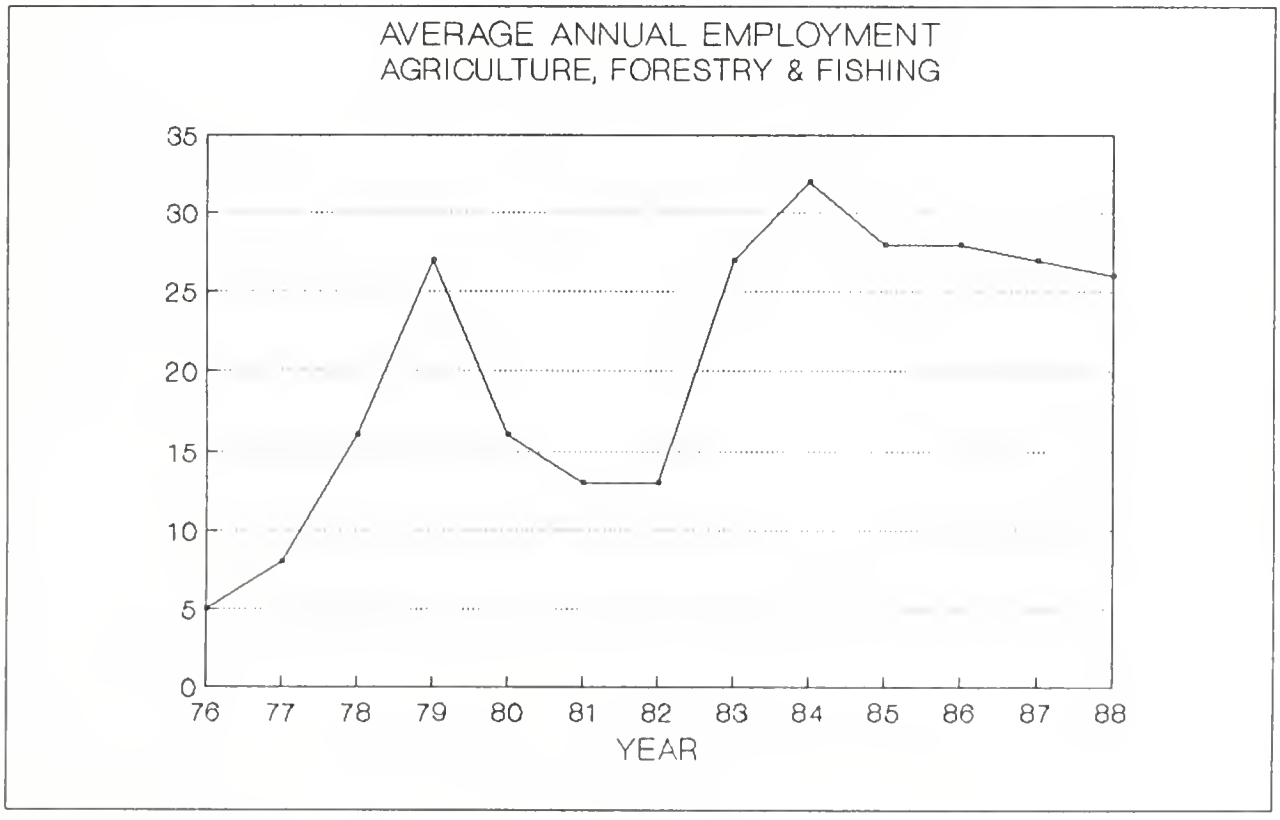
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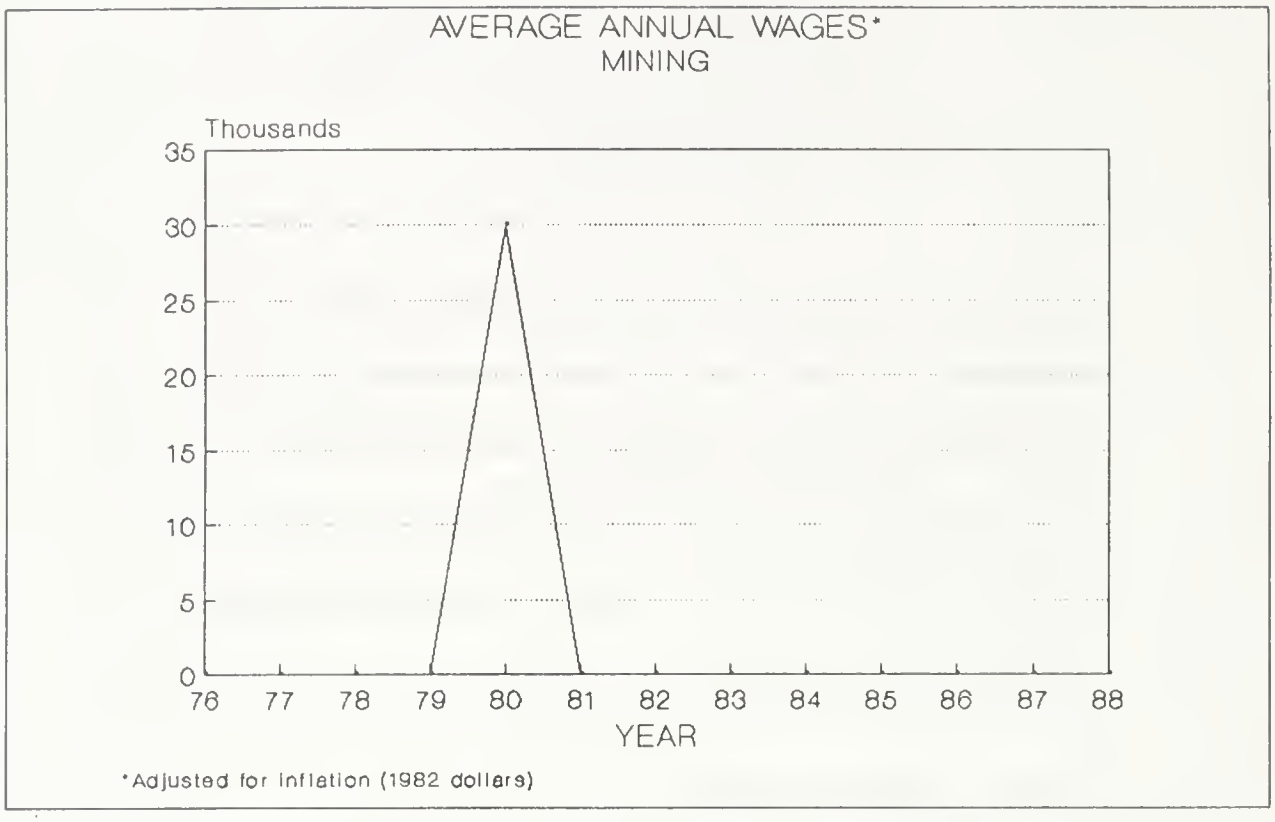
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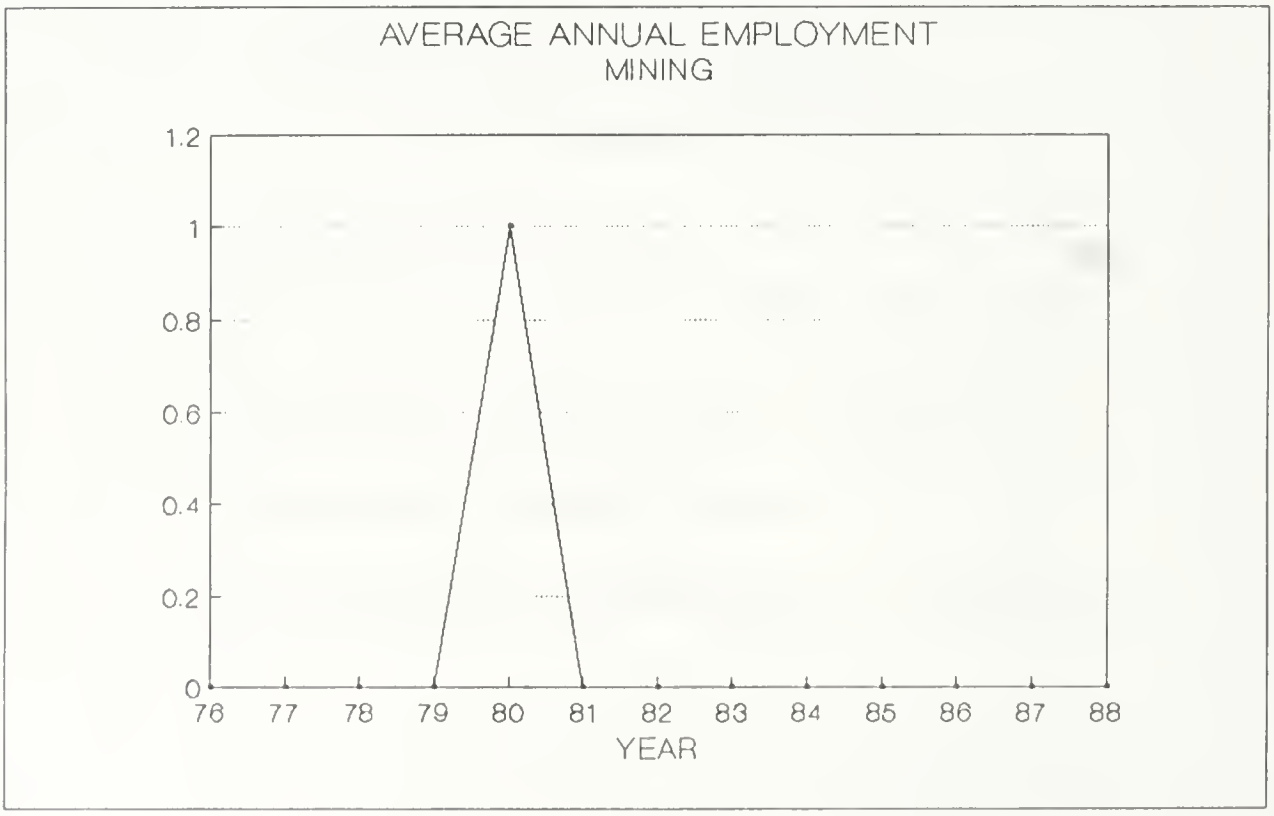
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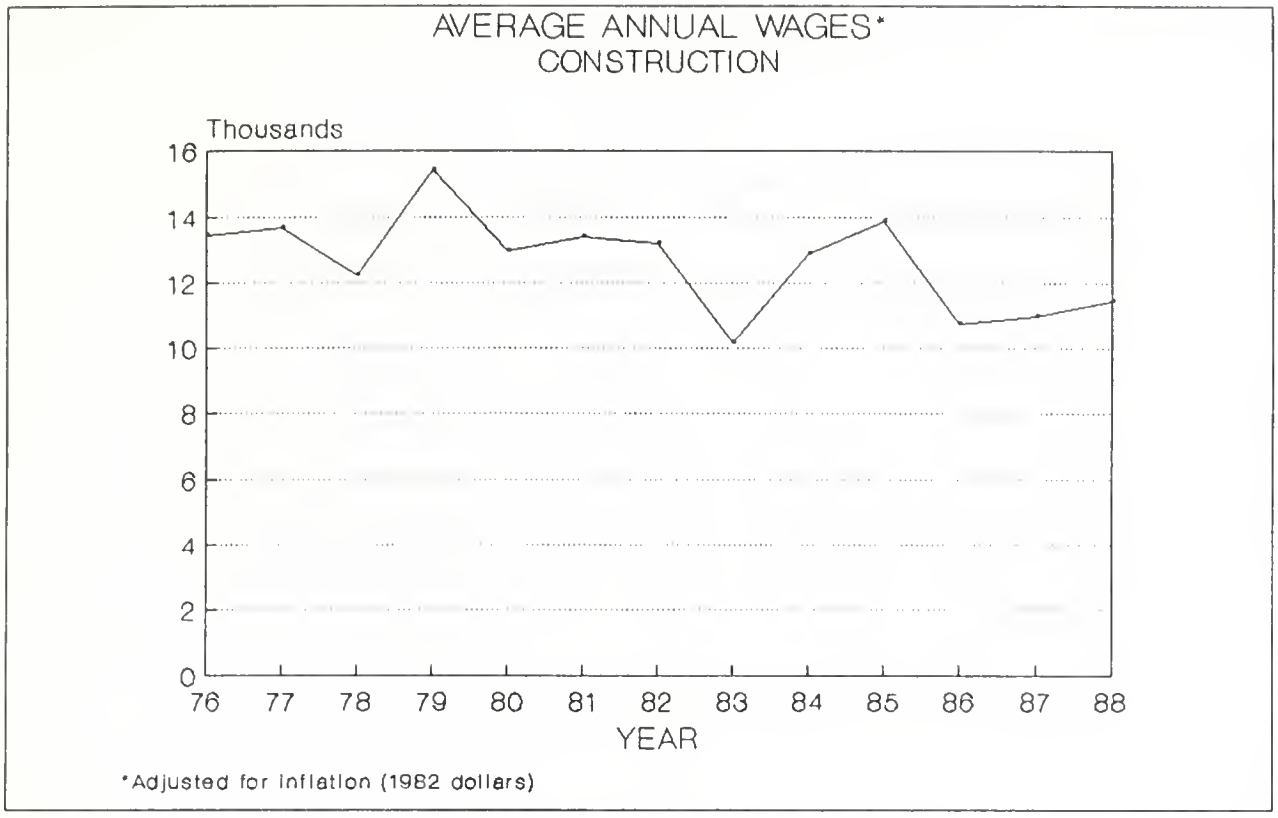
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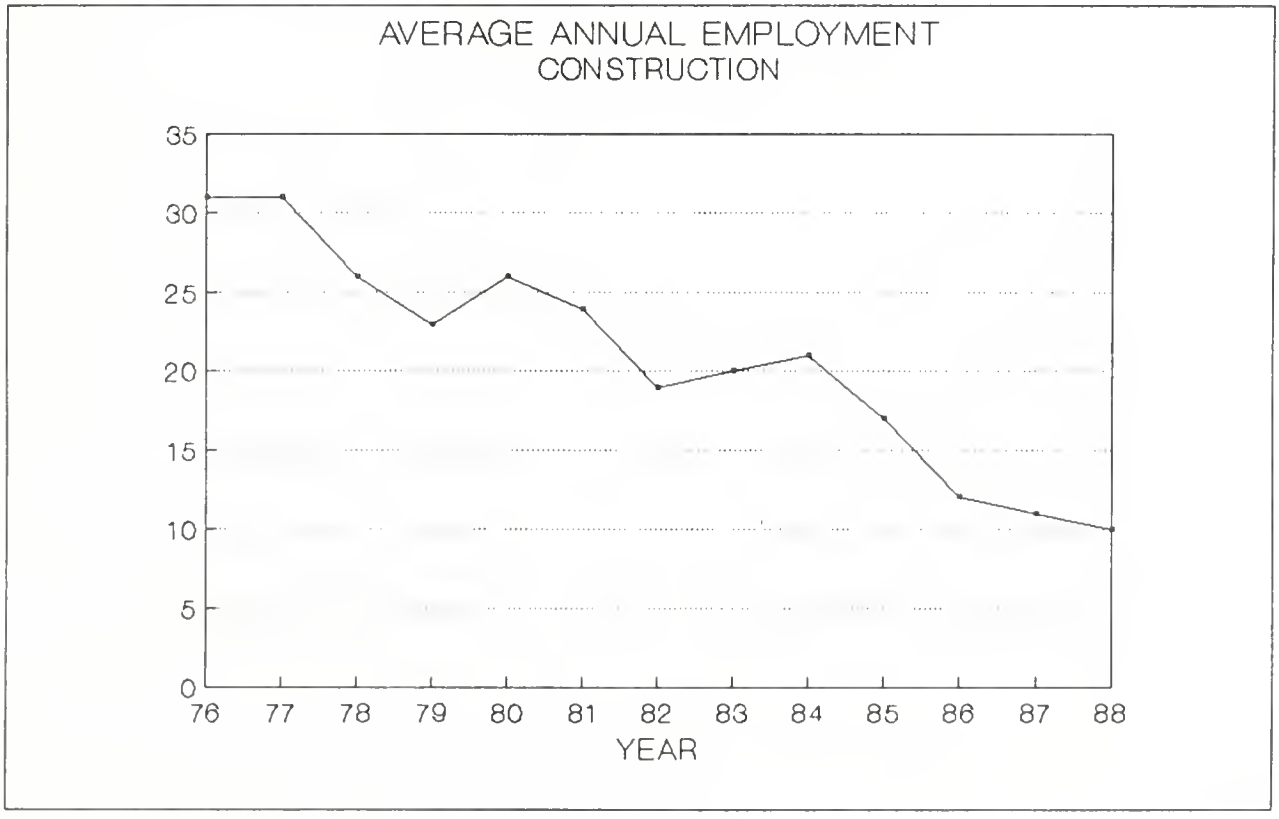
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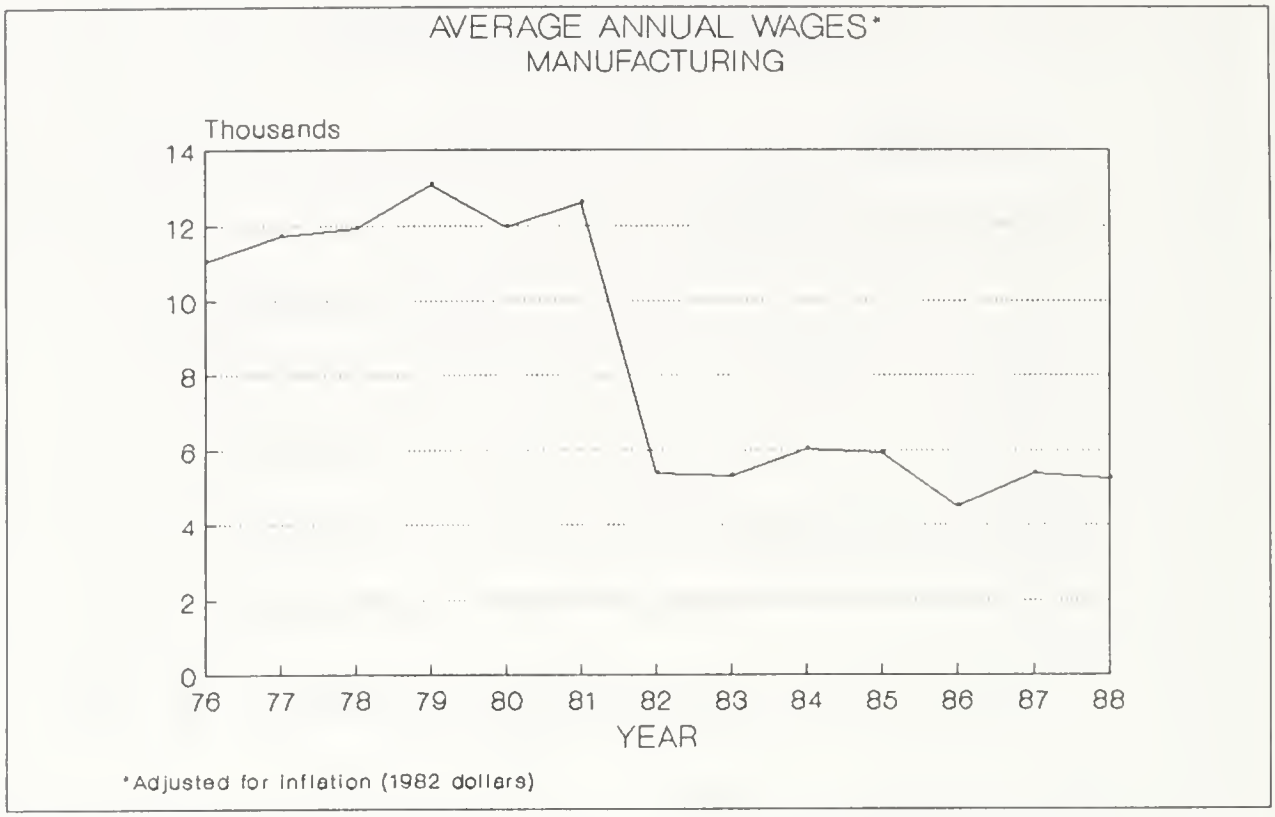
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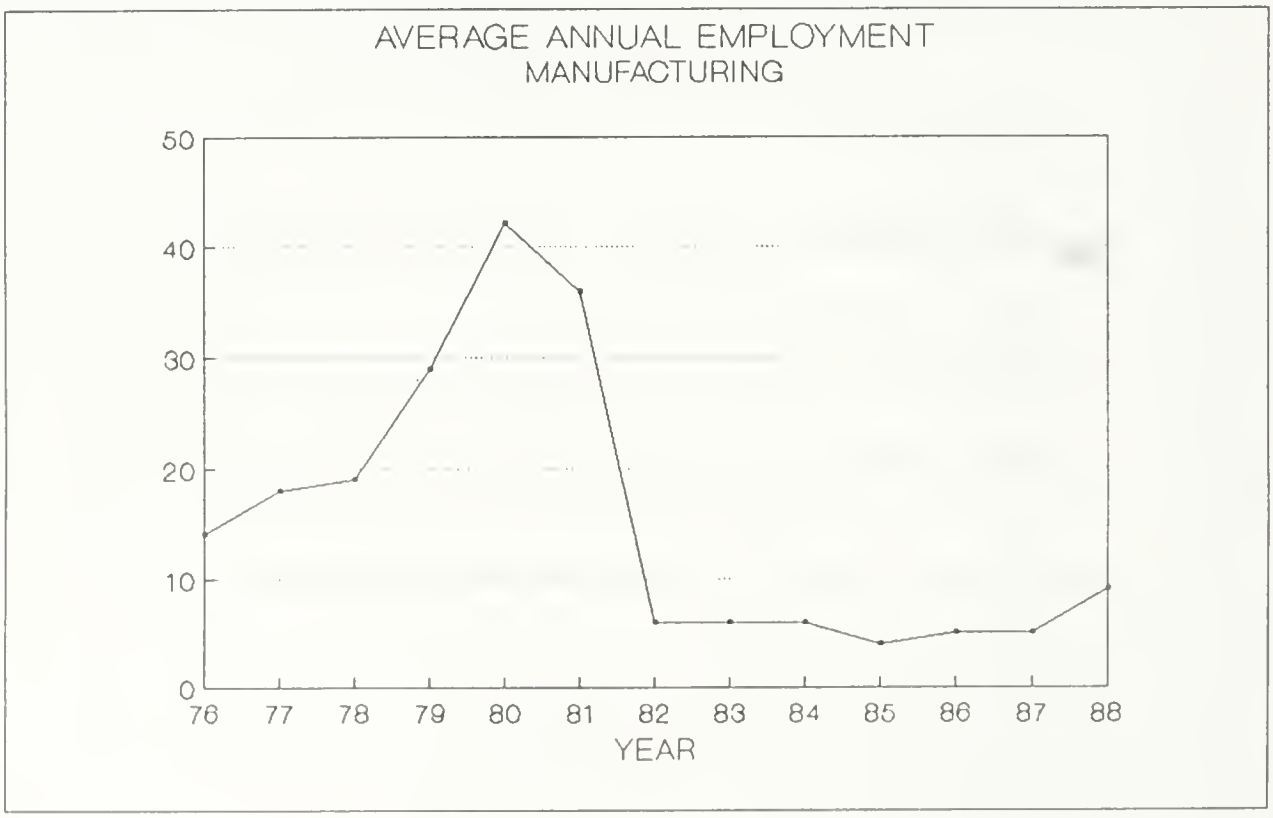
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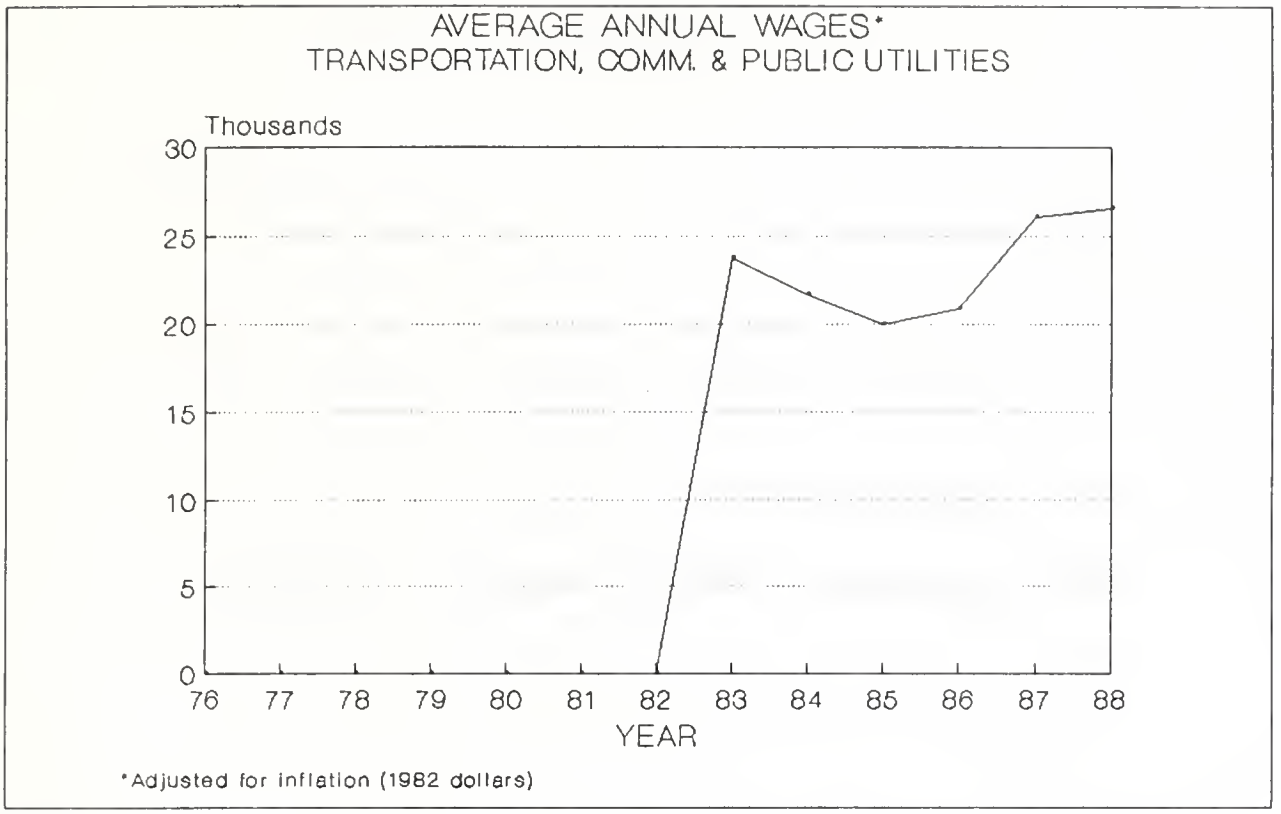
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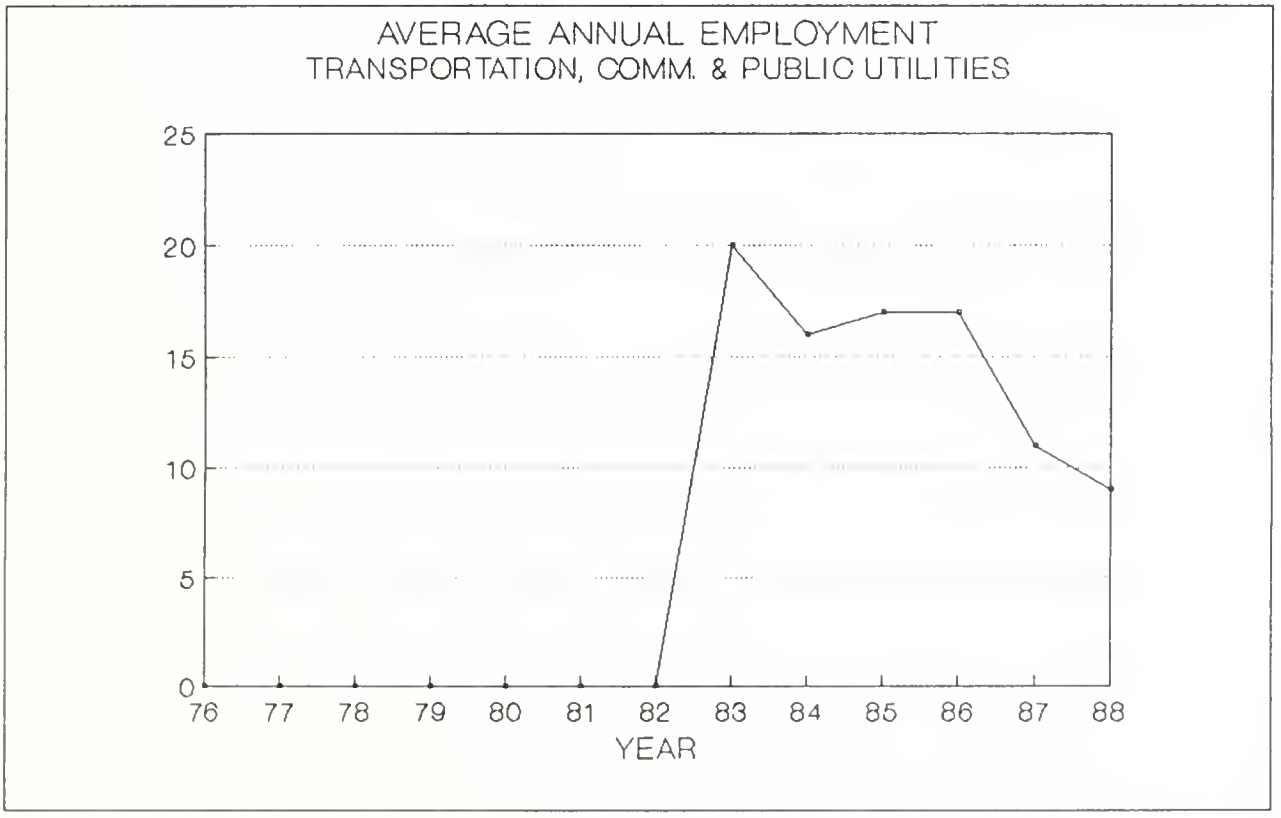
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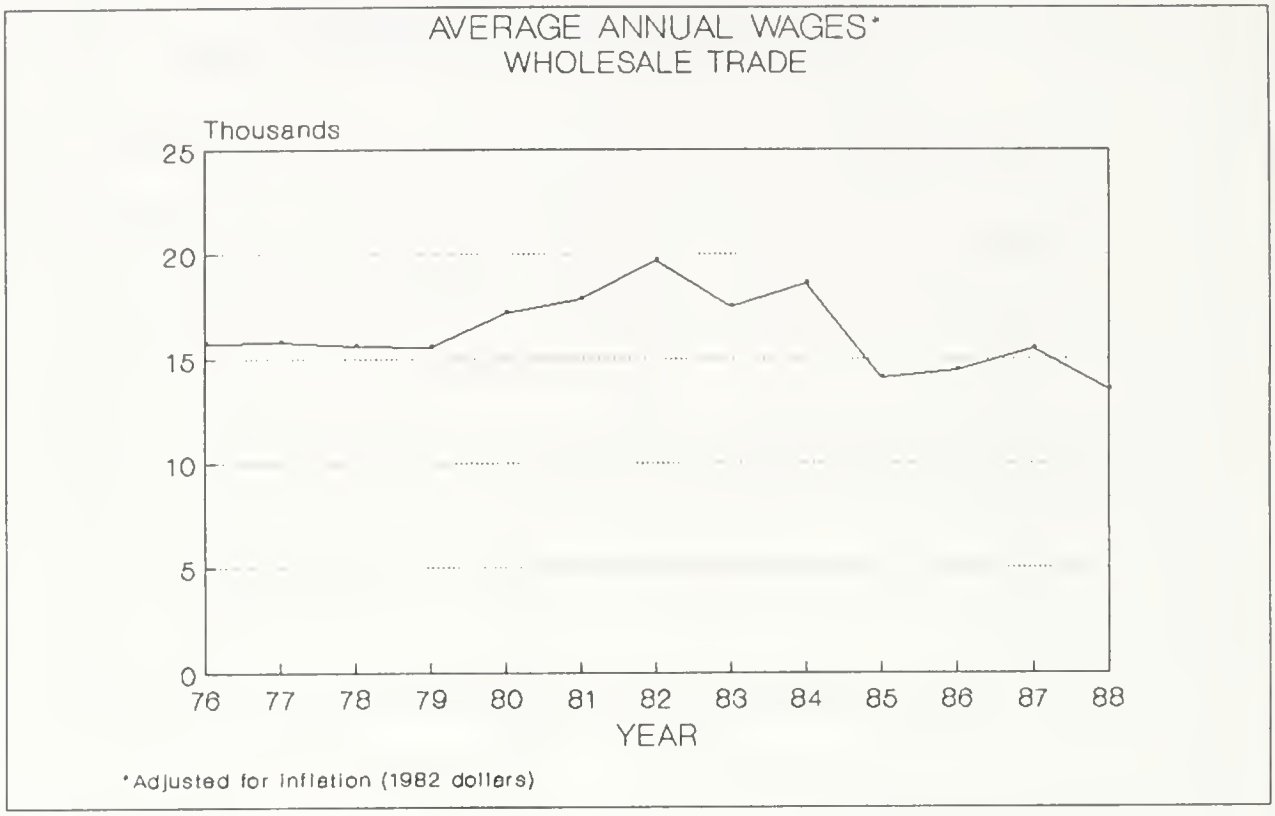
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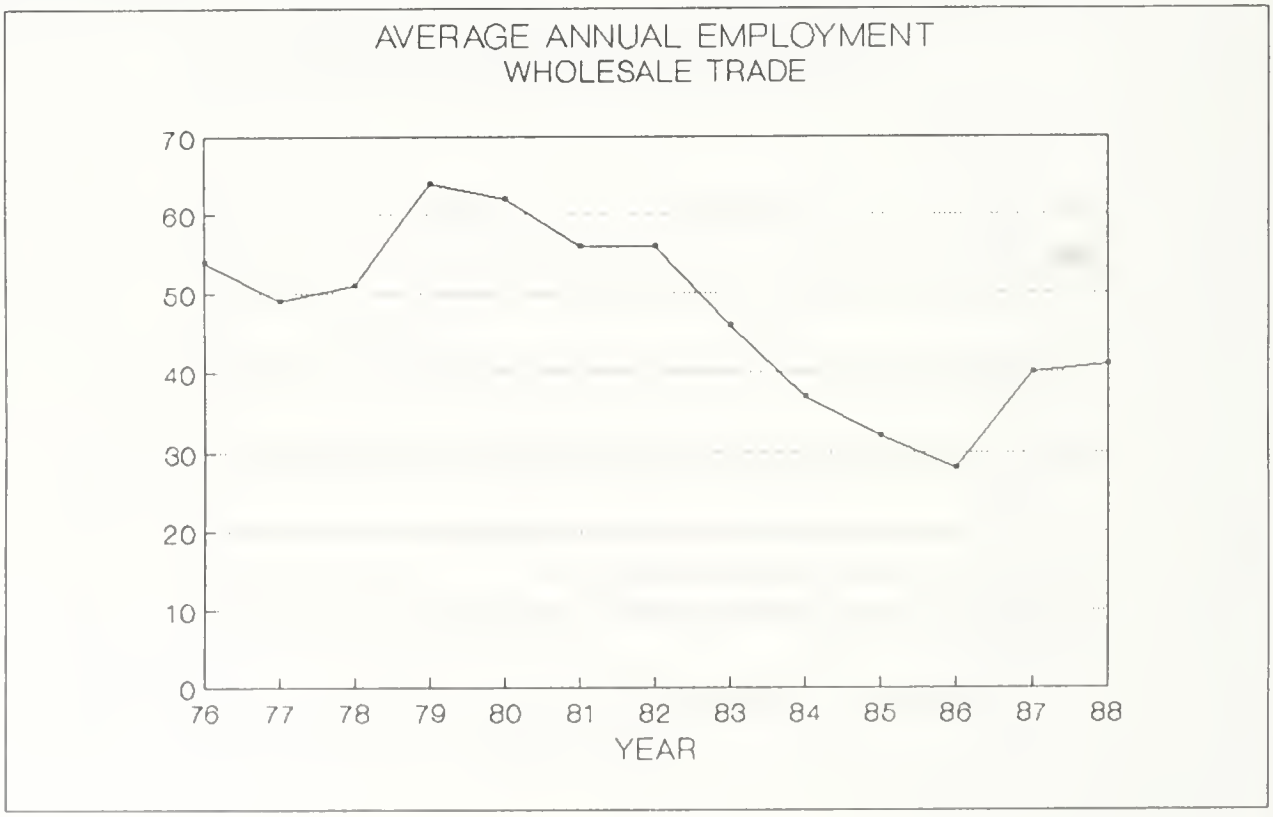
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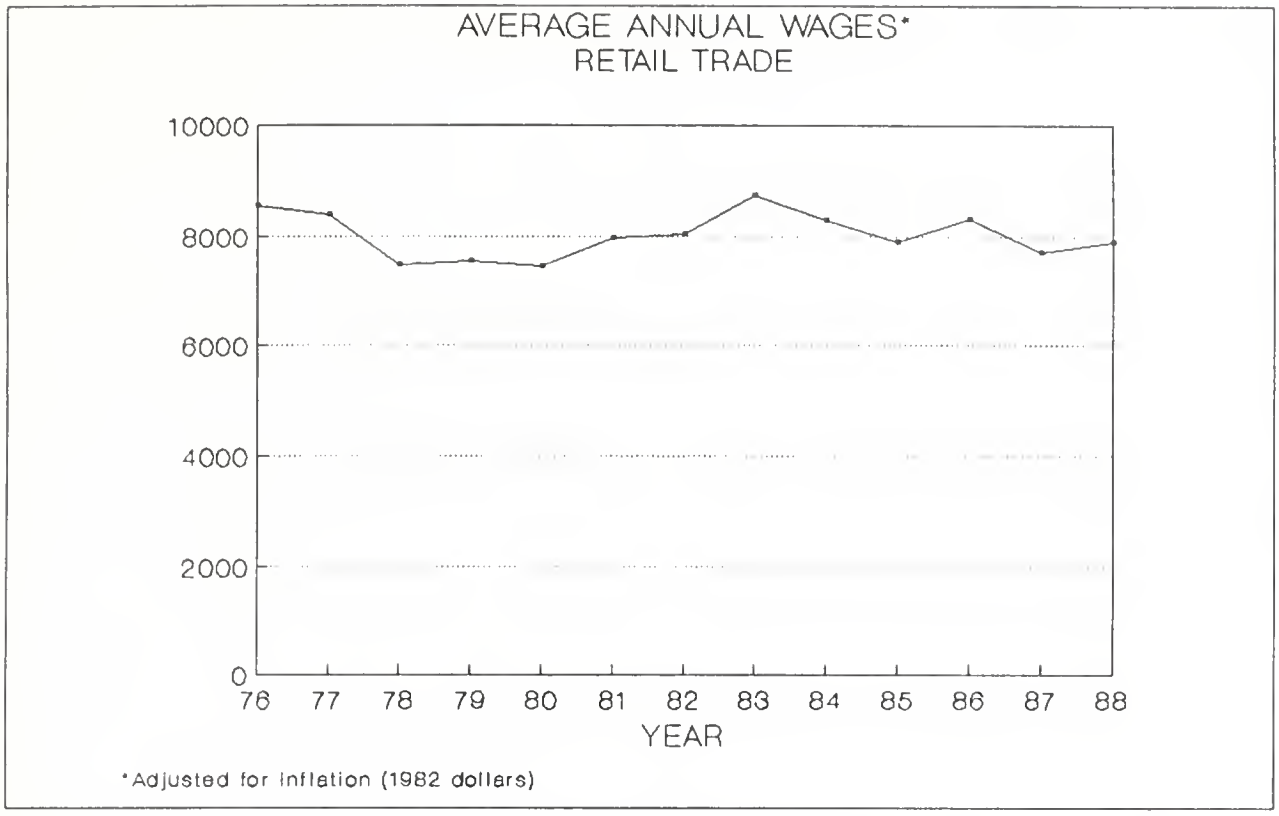
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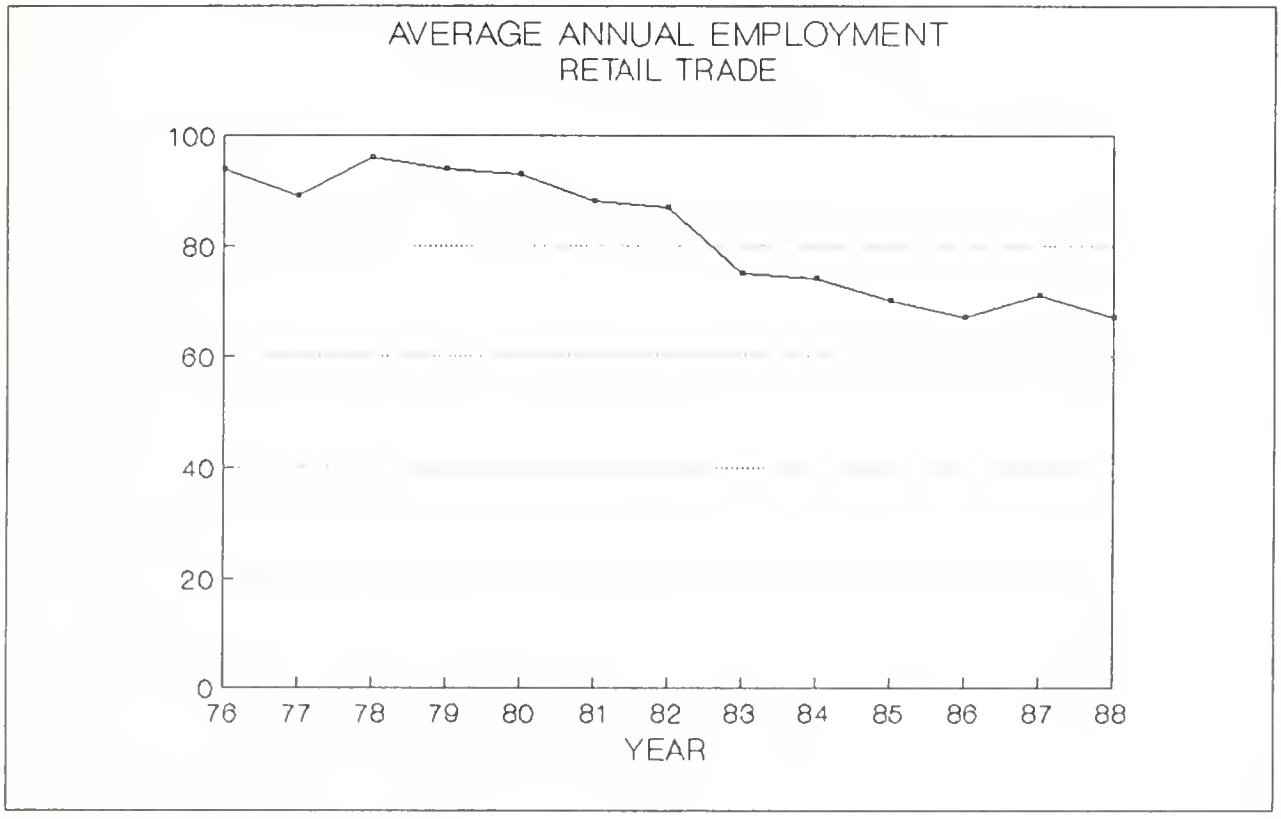
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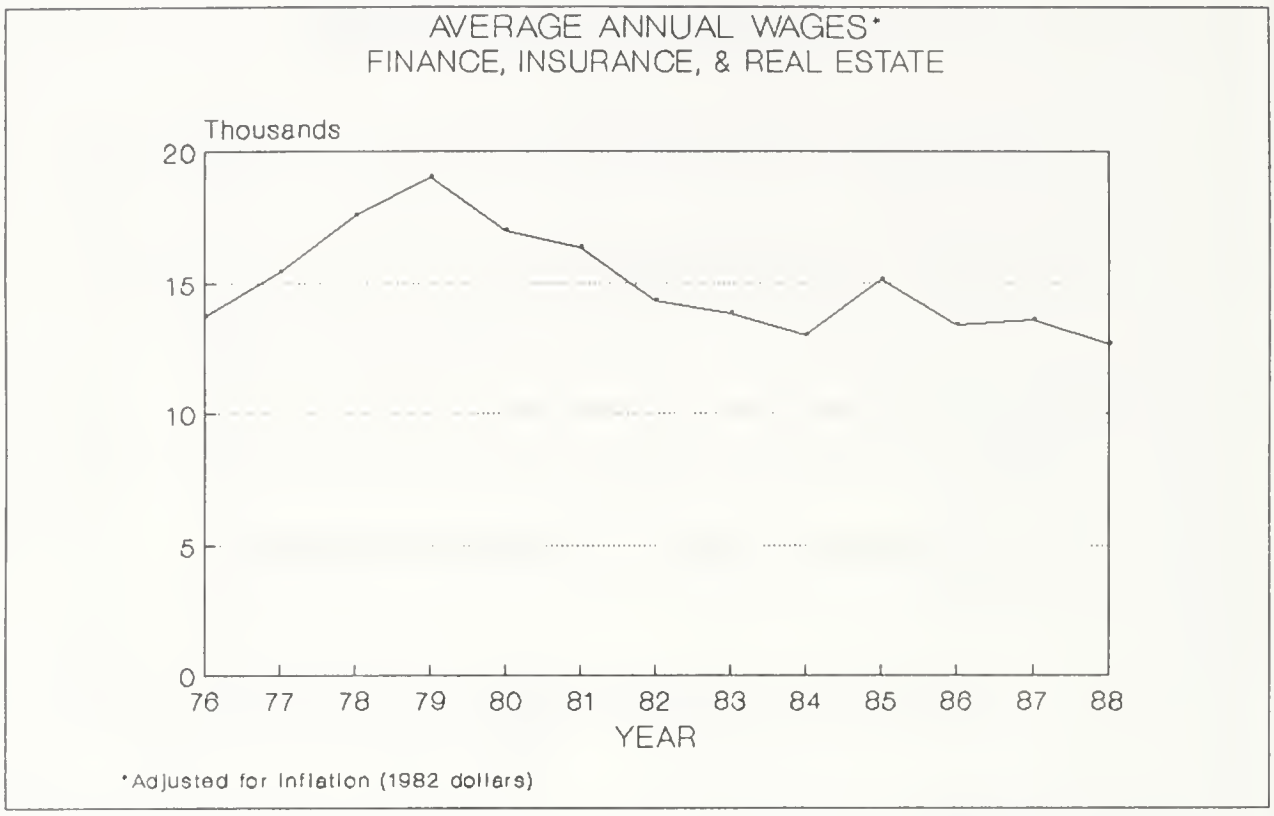
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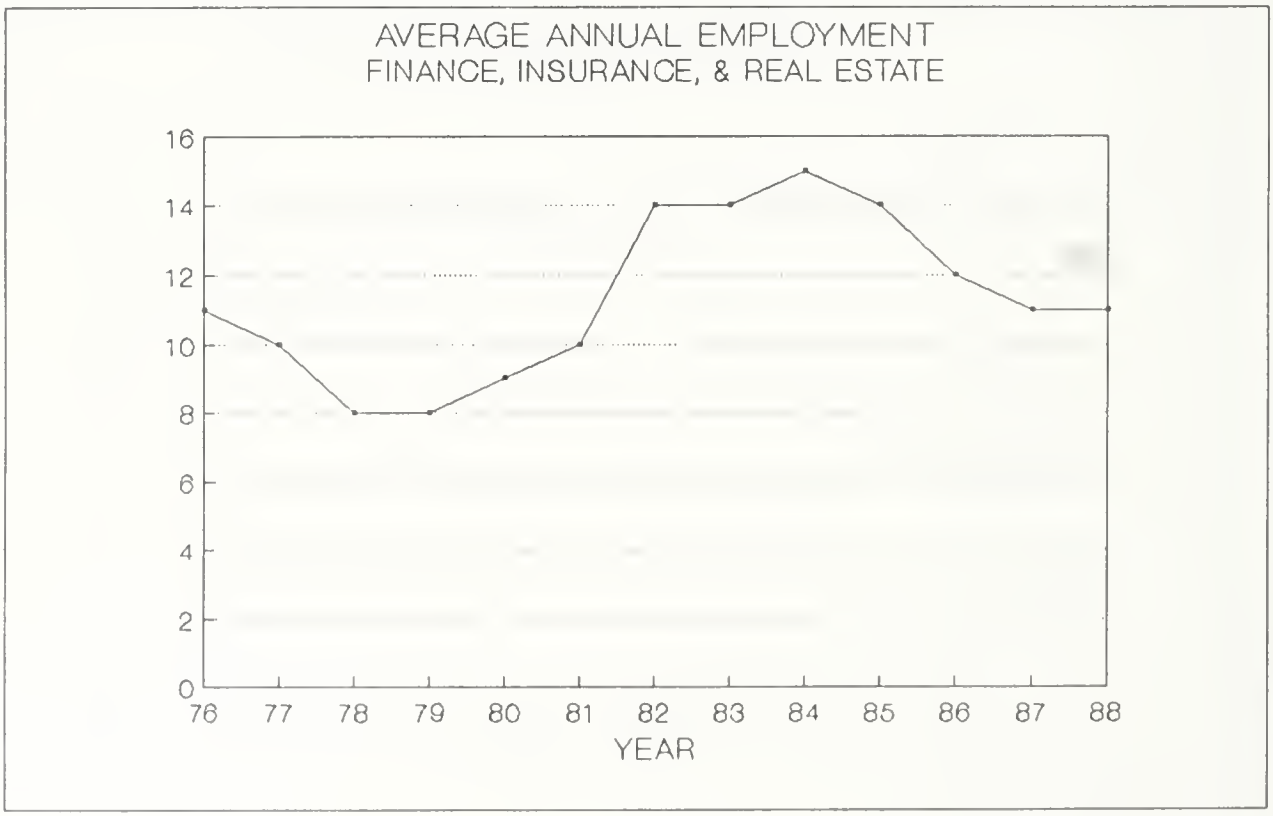
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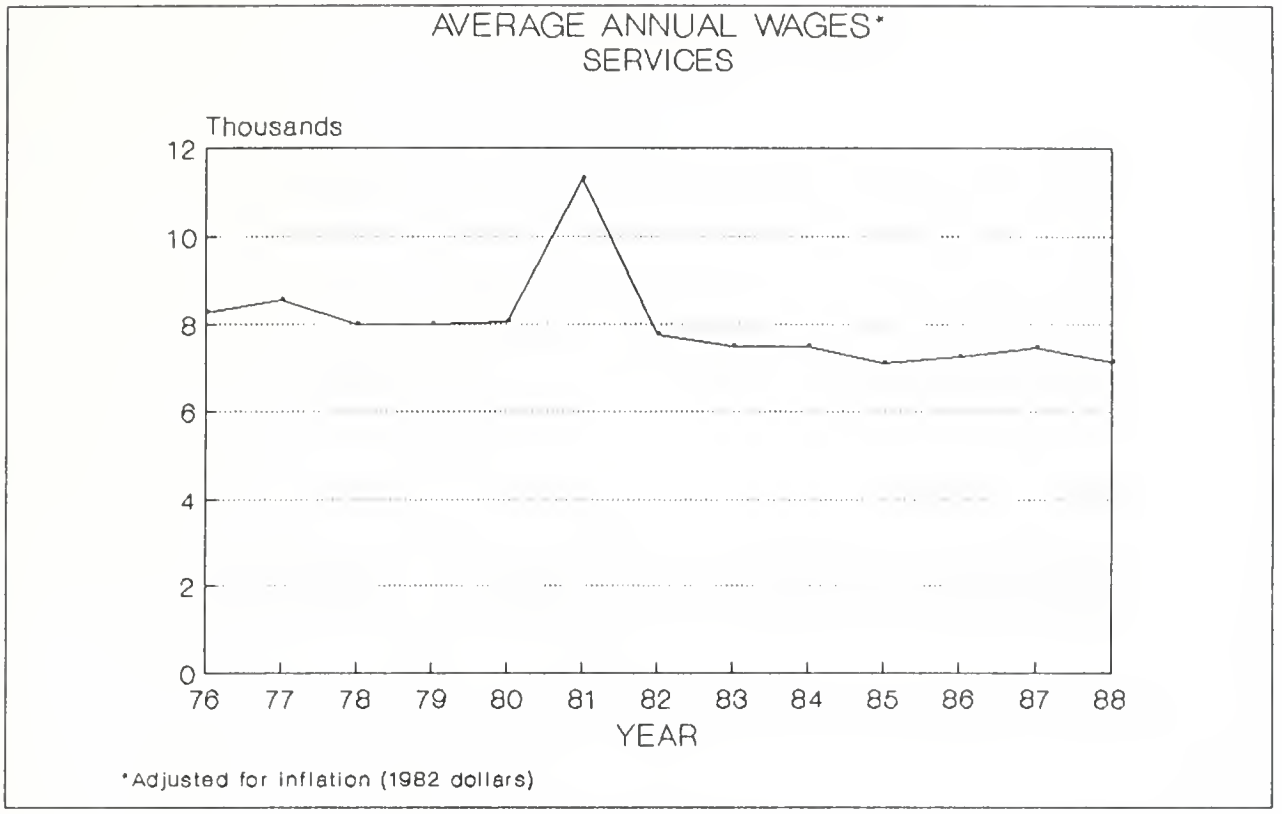
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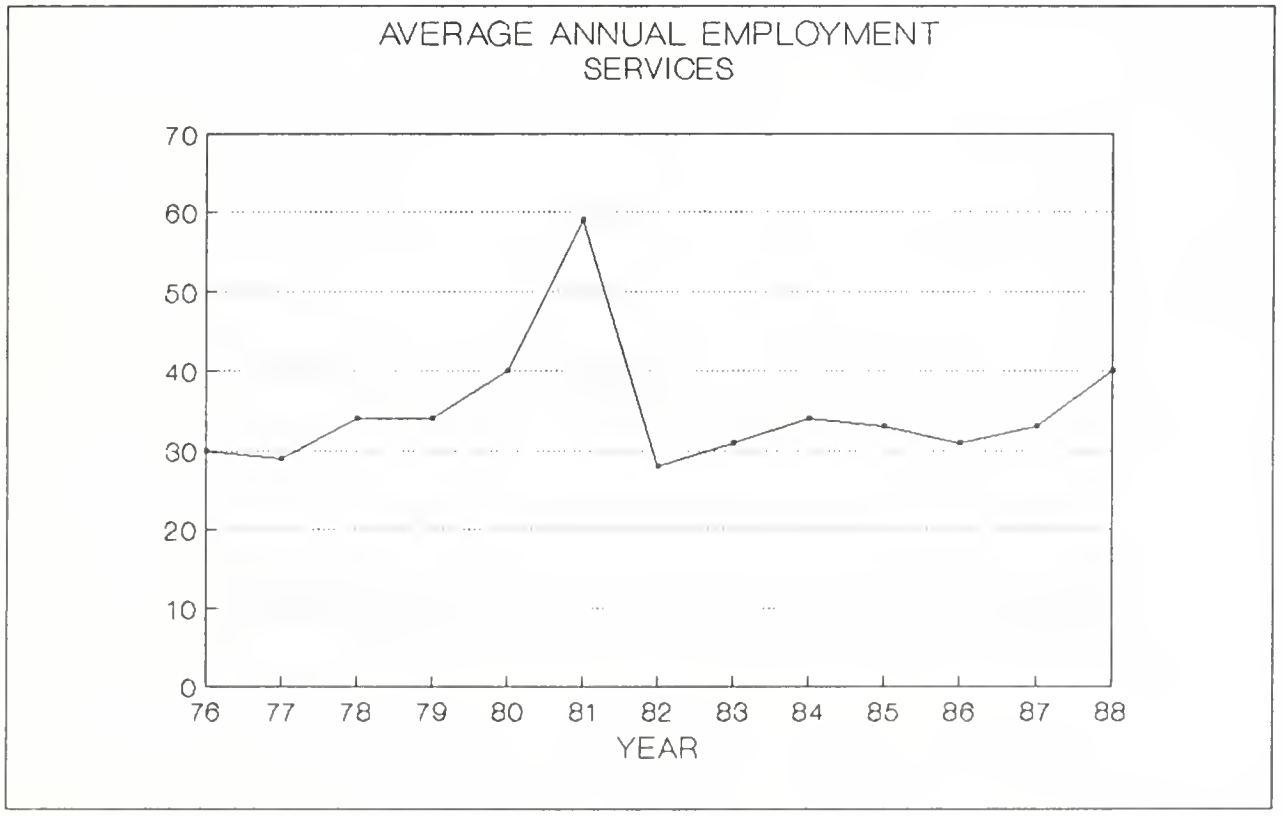
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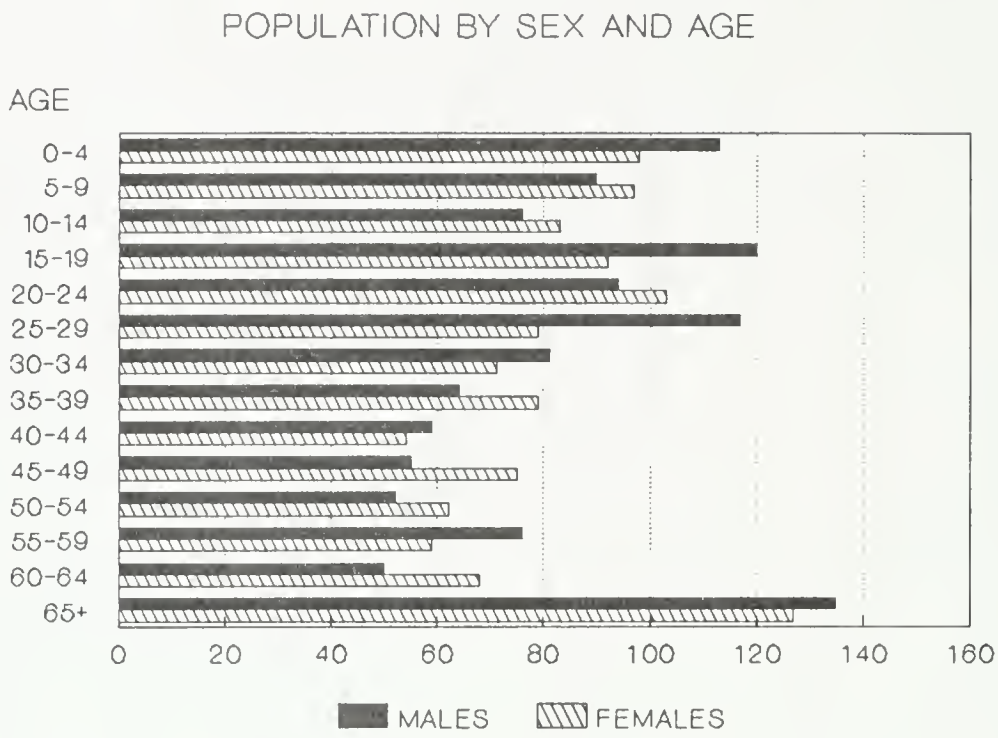
POPULATION COMPARISON

Liberty County and Montana

YEAR	MONTANA	LIBERTY	% OF MT
1988	805,000	2,300	0.3%
1987	809,000	2,300	0.3%
1986	819,000	2,400	0.3%
1980	786,690	2,329	0.3%
1970	694,409	2,359	0.3%
1960	674,767	2,624	0.4%
1950	591,024	2,180	0.4%
1940	559,456	2,209	0.4%
1930	537,606	2,198	0.4%

The population of Liberty County kept pace with the increased Montana population through the 1960 census when the county had 2,624 residents and comprised 0.4% of the total Montana population (674,767). In the 1980 census Montana had continued to increase population (786,690) but the county population had fallen to 2,329, which made up 0.3% of the state's population. Estimates of the population in 1988 have the state population at 805,000 and county population at 2,300 (0.3% of the statewide population).



In the 1980 census, the population of Liberty County was made up of 1,182 males (median age 29.2 years) and 1,147 females (median age of 31.5 years). Although the totals by gender are balanced, there exists wide variations in several age groups. At ages 15-19 males outnumbered females 120 to 92, at ages 25-29 there were 117 males and 79 females. Women outnumbered men at ages 35-39 (79-64), ages 45-49 (75-55), and ages 60-64 (68-50).

COMMUTER PATTERNS (1980)

Liberty County Residents Who Work In:

Blaine County	10
Glacier County	5
Hill County	10
Liberty County	850
Toole County	2
Not Reported	15
	892

Liberty County Workers Who Live In:

Blaine County	4
Broadwater County	2
Chouteau County	2
Hill County	23
Liberty County	850
Meagher County	2
Toole County	4
Yellowstone County	11
	898

Of 877 working residents of Liberty County in 1980: 96.9% worked in the county, 1.1% (10) worked in Blaine County, and 1.1% (10) worked in Hill County. Of 898 people working in Liberty County in 1980: 94.6% lived in the county, 2.6% (23) lived in Hill County, and 1.2% lived in Yellowstone County.

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